

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: May 7, 2004

Section Affected: Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1379.26

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in the file and accurately reflects the final regulatory action taken by the Medical Board of California.

Local Mandate

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Small Business Impact

The Medical Board of California has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses. The proposed amendment will expand the requirements to allow credit for continuing education courses that are already available, which will result in a benefit to healthcare consumers who choose home birth by improving the quality and quantity of trained midwifery care available.

Consideration of Alternatives

The Medical Board of California has determined that no reasonable alternative which it has considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

Objections or Recommendations/Responses

During the public testimony of the regulatory hearing, two Licensed Midwives spoke in support and requested that the proposed amendment to the regulations be approved. The speakers did not request a change to the proposed regulation. The two comments were accepted and entered into the minutes of the meeting.

Finding of Necessity

This proposed amendment to the regulation will not require licensees to submit a report.

The Medical Board of California has determined that it is not necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of California that this regulation apply to business.